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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IRRADIATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

the specification of which:

is attached hereto OR

was filed on October 10, 2000 as United States Application Number 09/685,779.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Certified Copy Attached? Yes No

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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STATEMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS (SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)

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Title : IRRADIATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

With respect to the invention described in:

- the application filed herewith.
- Application No. 09/685,779, filed October 10, 2000.
- Patent No. _____, issued _____.

I. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION AS A SMALL ENTITY

I am:

- the owner of the small business concern identified below:
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NAME OF CONCERN : Mitec, Inc.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN : 101 2nd Street SE, American Building, Suite 600, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

The above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. 121.12, and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. 41(a) and (b).

II. STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

Rights under contract or law remain with or have been conveyed to the above-identified concern. If the rights held are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person who could not be classified as (1) an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, (2) a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or (3) a non-profit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

- There is no such person, concern or organization.
- The person(s), concern(s) or organization(s) is listed below:

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

- Individual
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 Non-Profit Organization

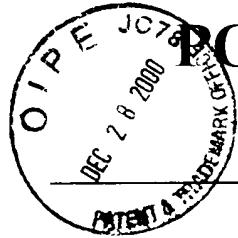
III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DUTY TO NOTIFY PTO OF STATUS CHANGE

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.28(b).

IV. SIGNATURE

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In the patent application:

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I appoint the attorneys and agents associated with Customer Number 00164 to prosecute the patent application identified above and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, including full power of association, substitution and revocation.

I ratify all prior actions taken by Kinney & Lange, P.A. or the attorneys and agents mentioned above in connection with the prosecution of the above-mentioned patent application.

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